

# The Waite Hill Police Beat

## Happy Holidays!



### December 2013

Hello to all residents. I will be communicating a newsletter each month so each of you are up to date with what is going on within the police department as well as with the community. I will include information about criminal activity, hopefully none that is taking place here, but activity that may be happening within our surrounding communities.

During the month of October and November we had three residents that were possible victims of identity theft. Fortunately, the suspects were not able to obtain credit after fraudulently filling out credit applications out-of-state with the resident's information. As a reminder, you should shred your documents that have any personal identification on them. This includes the mailings you may receive offering credit cards or loans that are already started in your name or other family members and are just waiting for activation. The criminals are using your name after they find your date of birth online and then changing the address to a false location they choose. The following link can be copied to your browser for additional information on preventing identity theft.

<http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Files/Publications/Publications-for-Consumers/Consumer-Quick-Tips/Reduce-Your-Risk-of-Identity-Theft-Quick-Tip>

Our department has hired another part-time officer to fulfill our roster of officers. His name is Chuck Cox who is full-time with Mentor Police Department. Chuck has sixteen years of full-time experience and he comes highly recommended to our department. He has started our field training program with Officer Beaumier and he will be introducing himself to each of you soon.

Once the snow starts flying, we need to remember to slow down and take extra time to get to our destinations. The Service Department does a great job keeping our roads open, but they need our assistance. If you have someone plowing your driveway, please remind them not to push snow across the road. When snow is plowed across the roads, driving and plowing hazards can be created when the Village endures a high volume of snow.

Have a great holiday season and stay safe. Please remember, if you notice anything that does not look right or looks suspicious, please contact us. The best way to reach an officer is through the dispatcher at 440-942-1660. If it is an emergency, please call 9-1-1.

**The Waite Hill Village Police Department, as always, looks forward to serving the community. Your safety and security is always our concern!**

Respectfully submitted,

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